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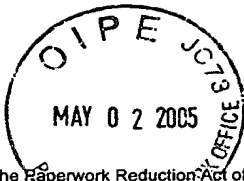
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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). Effective on 12/08/2004.		Application Number	09/974,898-Conf. #8944
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description						Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
16	- 20 =	x	=				
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For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR CHECKING AN
IMAGE OF AN OBJECT AGAINST A
STORED REGISTRATION IMAGE (AS
AMENDED)

Examiner: K. Siangchin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004 (Paper No. 7),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.